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Summary

Ph.D. candidate in Computational Social Science conducting interdisciplinary research on the social and population dynamics that make cities successful and resilient. Passionate about applying complex systems thinking and my computational experience to aid urban policymaking to make cities more livable and equitable.

Relevant coursework: public policy, urban planning, transportation policy, GIS, location science

Relevant skills: Advanced Python, R, GIS, mapping, survey analysis, policy writing, SQL

Education

Ph.D. Computational Social Science, Expected 2026 - George Mason University, GPA 3.98

B.S. Applied Mathematics, 2020 - University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), GPA 3.46

A.S. Mathematics, A.S. Computer Science, 2018 - Foothill College, GPA 3.88

Relevant Experience

Presidential Fellow & Graduate Research Assistant, George Mason University (Fairfax, VA, 2020–Present)

- Led and collaborated on multiple interdisciplinary research projects on social interaction and mobility within cities
- Worked extensively with Census and national household surveys, time use, and spatial/mobility data
- Selected research and projects:
 - Kan, McLeod, López (2024). "Non-coresident family as a driver of migrational change in a crisis: The case of the COVID-19 pandemic." *Nature Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*. ([Link to publication](#))
 - Led all stages of research from formulation to literature review to writing the manuscript
 - Performed all analyses in the paper including using large data sets to test hypotheses
 - Kan (2022). "Transit Accessibility Explorer: A web map for exploring accessibility by public transit in Washington, DC." ([demo screenshot](#); [slides](#))
 - Used WMATA bus network data and real-time transit feed to calculate measures of transit access
 - Developed a web map application to interactively display the measures by census tract
 - Kan (2021). "An agent-based model of the spatial mismatch hypothesis: Involuntary housing choices, job relocation, and labor market outcomes of Black urban workers." (Unpublished project.)
 - Designed and implemented a simulation model to study the feedback effects of housing choice on job relocation and disparities in labor market outcomes
 - Presented at George Mason University Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference 2023

Research Intern, Institute for the Quantitative Study of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (Remote, Summer 2020)

- Co-authored a paper on indices of diversity and intersectionality based on methods from network science
- Assisted in data analysis by gathering data, writing code for analyses and simulations, and creating visualizations
- Supported literature review, scholarly writing, and manuscript editing
- Topaz, Brooks, Kan et al. (2024). "Diversity, Identity, and Data." *The American Mathematical Monthly*. ([Link to publication](#))

Paid Undergraduate Researcher, UCLA (Los Angeles, CA, 2019–2020)

- Under mentorship, led a research project simulating public opinion dynamics on social networks to journal publication
- Kan, Feng, Porter (2023). "An adaptive bounded-confidence model of opinion dynamics on networks." *Journal of Complex Networks*, 11 (1)

Data Science Intern, Clover Network, Inc. (Sunnyvale, CA, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021)

- Provided data science expertise to teams and built internal data tools such as an automated statistical testing tool
- Professionally presented data products to executives and stakeholders
- Evaluated by hiring manager as continually finding "ways to go above and beyond what is expected"